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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

In the response to the Final Rejection of September 22, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1-12 and 17 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims.

13. (Twice Amended). A method for stabilizing the structure and nucleic acids of at least one cell in a sample, wherein said method comprises:

- (a) adding to a vessel containing the sample, a composition comprising:
- (i) a first substance having a concentration effective for precipitating or denaturing proteins, comprising at least one alcohol or ketone whose concentration is less than 80% of the total composition; and

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